

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC S. MARSHALL, P.E., PMP

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Eric S. Marshall, P.E., PMP on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) after over 20 years of service to our Nation. I further commend him for his exemplary leadership, innovation, and commitment to collaboration for the People of Guam, our Pacific region, this country, and populations across the world.

Building the foundations for an accomplished military and engineering career, Lt. Col. Marshall obtained a bachelor's degree in physics and math from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2002. He then went on to earn a master's degree in nuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and completed further training and education from Command and General Staff College in 2015. Beyond his practical instruction, however, Lt. Col. Marshall embodies a strength of character, dedication to problem-solving, and fidelity to service that speaks volumes of his propensity for excellence.

Lt. Col. Marshall's background in national defense spans numerous command positions and wartime deployments. From Platoon Leader, Detachment Commander, and Operations Officer with the U.S. Army Dive Company to Resident Engineer with USACE in Afghanistan, Project Manager, Construction Manager, and Emergency Operations with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Company Commander of the 1-48 Infantry Battalion, Squadron Commander and Executive Officer of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Headquarters in Fort Bragg, and Deputy Brigade Commander of the Schofield Barracks 130 Engineer Brigade, he maintains a diverse history of contributions that have and continue to empower communities across borders. In consistently rising to answer the call of service over the years, Lt. Col. Marshall has tirelessly worked to meet critical engineering and construction needs in locations such as the Philippines, Hawaii, the provinces of Paktya, Paktika, Ghazni, and Khost, and New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Moreover, he has assumed vital roles in realizing successful deployment missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Syria in addition to raising up a new generation of leaders and visionaries as a Course Director and Assistant Professor of Physics at the U.S. Military Academy.

In over two decades with the Department of Defense, Lt. Col. Marshall has not simply trained thousands of enlistees, supervised thousands more personnel, realized hundreds of domestic and international projects, and

managed billions of dollars in funding—he has cultivated an outstanding record of going above and beyond for others. In his capacity as Commander of the USACE Honolulu District, Lt. Col. Marshall and his team established strong working relationships and communications channels with Guam leaders. More specifically, our Guam Congressional Office collaborated closely with USACE to advance the resolution of longstanding community health and infrastructure challenges relative to the construction of a new Guam Medical Campus and island-wide erosion issues. His recognitions including numerous campaign medals, a Bronze Star Award, and USACE Agency 2022 Federal Engineer of the Year Award are a further testament to his distinction as a force of positive transformation.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my deepest appreciation for his dedication to our island, region, and country. Throughout his career, and especially through his leadership with USACE, Lieutenant Colonel Eric S. Marshall has admirably brought new meaning to the Anny values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. Moreover, he has established a lasting legacy of ingenuity and outcomes charged with purpose. I sincerely thank Lieutenant Colonel Eric S. Marshall for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him and his wife Ali the best during the next chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD TARIFF

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Richard Tariff of Longmeadow, Massachusetts who is bringing a close to a long and impactful career as an educator who made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of middle school students, as well as adult students in eastern Connecticut. In a few short weeks, he is set to retire in August as Director of Adult and Community Programs at EASTCONN after more than four decades of specializing in the field of adult education. Today, however, he will participate in his final graduation ceremony at Parish Hill High School in Chaplin, Connecticut. This graduation like the dozens and dozens that preceded it, is the moment where all his hard work—done in tandem with his colleagues—culminates in a successful degree for their students that will transform their lives for the better.

A New England native, Rich began his journey in education teaching elementary and middle school students in Stafford Springs, which lit the fire of a life-time calling to elevate public schools' students to their highest potential. Understanding the intrinsic value of life-

long education for students of all ages, Rich became a part-time director for Stafford Springs' Adult Education programs in 1979. As part-time director, he witnessed first-hand the lack of options for adults seeking certification outside of a high school diploma, which for him was a glaring opportunity for our district.

Vision in hand, Rich became the Adult Education Director for Adult Basic Education for the 12-town Tolland County region a few short years later. Under his leadership, the regional program underwent monumental evolutions. By establishing and engaging with partnerships, Vernon Regional Adult Education not only witnessed major expansions in enrichment program participation but also the planning, creation, and implementation of the formalized Vernon Regional Adult High School. By upgrading and centralizing the educational resources available through the programs under his watch, Rich, in just a couple of years of tenure as Director, began what has become a permanent legacy in the region and has resulted in thousands of adults graduating to date.

In 1984, Rich returned to youth education as the Assistant Principal at Vernon Center Middle School. He remained in this role for 16 years, where his value for and experience in administering learning programs only continued to grow. He could not keep away from Vernon Regional Adult Education, however, and took on a new role as Regional Supervisor and Coordinator with the organization which he remained at for another eight years. Through both roles, Rich's expertise in grant writing and implementation helped maintain Vernon and the surrounding area's competitive edge in terms of better preparing our community for not just their future but the demands of a changing workforce. For example, at Vernon Center, he helped write a National 21st Century Grant request that had brought unprecedented grant funding to the district. Meanwhile, at Vernon Regional Adult Education, Rich expanded coordination with state partners to offer Work Place Education and both received and protected a grant for College Transition resources.

Though Vernon Regional was foundational to his experience in Adult Education, Rich's history of pioneering in the field earned him his latest role as Director of Adult and Community Programs for EASTCONN, one of Connecticut's six public, non-profit Regional Educational Service Centers. At EASTCONN, Rich has been bestowed the rightfully placed privilege to manage adult education services for what is now a 21-town region sprawling throughout northeastern Connecticut. The scope and size of EASTCONN's adult education programs were not achieved by mistake—it was Rich who helped charge the effectiveness of the organization. He understood that in districts comprised of smaller communities such as ours it does not just take a village, but rather several. With his guiding philosophy of centralizing resources in mind, Rich has brought about major achievements in terms of adequately preparing our district's

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workforce. Two of such achievements are the integration of adult programs with the two American Job Centers in northeastern Connecticut, and ensuring the strength of virtual educational adult and youth programs throughout the pandemic.

Madam Speaker, I have known Rich as a friend and community leader for almost forty years. I have seen firsthand his intelligent empathetic and kind interaction with people from all walks of life. He is down-to-earth and funny. Madame Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as community-oriented as Rich Tariff. A lifelong educator with a penchant for innovation, Rich has understood from an early age the opportunities that can arise for communities who hone their skills and keep themselves adaptable. As a reflection of his abilities, it is worth finally noting that Rich was the first President of the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education to serve for 5 consecutive years from 2011 to 2016, leading advocacy efforts within and beyond Connecticut on behalf of adult learners. For decades, Rich has spurred job growth imparting the educational foundation necessary for any occupation and our state and region has benefitted in ways that most fellow citizens will never know. His shoes will be hard to fill. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing and thanking Rich Tariff for his life's work, setting his legacy further into stone.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR JOHN W. BARRY USA (RET.) FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Major John W. Barry USA (Ret.), who will be interred on Friday June 17th at Arlington National Cemetery.

John was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 28, 1930. He later became a native of St. Clair, Michigan, before passing away on January 9, 2021.

John lived a long and fruitful life devoted to service, country, and family. Enlisting in the Army in 1952, John had a 20-year career that was defined by distinguished service and leadership. During this time, John earned his aviation wings in both rotary and fixed wing aircraft, and fought in the Korea and Vietnam conflicts as a Huey Helicopter Captain. In Vietnam, he and his co-pilot were wounded and later received the Purple Heart for wounds in action.

In addition to the Purple Heart, John received 20 other honors, which were awarded for missions flown, contact with the enemy, and individually. These honors include the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the United Nations Service Medal (Korea), Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm, Army Commendation, and much more.

Upon his retirement, John worked at Prestolite and Port Huron schools before his eventual retirement in 1999. In addition, John was a VFW Life Member and member of American Legion Post 449.

Madam Speaker, I thank John for his service to our country and the example he set for

all Michiganders. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and loved ones who I hope find solace in the fact that John lived a long, distinguished, and full life. They could not ask for anything more. Again, I thank Major Barry; we will never forget his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I missed this vote because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 261.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES NO. 11: BIODEFENSE AND NBAF

HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, in preparation for reauthorizing the Farm Bill in 2023, I rise today to deliver the eleventh installment of my Farm Bill Impact Series, where I am highlighting various aspects of the Farm Bill that deserve Congress' awareness and support. We need robust biosecurity in America not only because we need to eat in order to survive, but also because strong American agriculture will help keep our country free and self-determining as a Nation.

Manhattan, KS, the home of my alma mater Kansas State University, is also home to the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, or NBAF. This state-of-the-art, 700,000 square foot facility will be a national asset that helps protect our nation's agriculture against the threat and potential impact of serious animal diseases. Experts believe that 75 percent of new and emerging infectious animal diseases can be transmitted from animals to humans. NBAF will be home to the only maximum biocontainment space in the country, where USDA will be conduct comprehensive research, develop vaccines and anti-virals, and explore enhanced diagnostic and training capabilities.

The United States Department of Agriculture is currently working with the Department of Homeland Security to bring NBAF online by this December, and to begin establishing partnerships between two key sectors heavily invested in animal health: academia and industry. Working with scientists and other industry professionals, NBAF will create new safety and security guidelines that will be critical for the prevention of future pandemics. Currently, scientists are conducting this very important research in New York at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, which is more than 60 years old. NBAF will replace this aging facility, create 400 local jobs for Kansans, generate over \$100 million in total economic benefit for our state, and make Kansas the home of internationally recognized animal disease experts. NBAF isn't just an exciting development for Kansas, it also marks the future of biodefense research that will protect the United States and the world.

The 2018 Farm Bill contained special authorization for biosecurity planning and response, which helped make NBAF possible. That version of the bill explicitly mentioned, "the coordination of tactical science activities to protect the integrity, reliability, sustainability, and profitability of the food and agricultural system of the United States against biosecurity threats from pests, diseases, contaminants, and disasters." NBAF is a concrete example of the impact that we can have when we reauthorize the Farm Bill in careful and creative ways.

During National Agriculture Month in March, I brought House Agriculture Committee Republican Leader GT Thompson on an Ag tour of Kansas where I was proud to show him NBAF. The technology, scale, and international significance of the facility is truly second to none. Once fully operational in December, NBAF won't just support and protect agriculture, it will protect our country and the world. I'll be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my Farm Bill Impact Series and highlight more programs and titles within the Bill that I believe Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives in America.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD "RICH" SCOBEE

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant General Richard "Rich" Scobee for his retirement as Chief of the Air Force Reserve and Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, and to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to our country.

After graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in 1986, Lt Gen Scobee earned his pilot wings as a distinguished graduate of Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot training. During his years of service, Lt Gen Scobee has served as an F-16 Fighting Falcon Pilot, Instructor Pilot, and Flight Examiner both domestically and overseas in Germany, South Korea, and Egypt. Lt Gen Scobee has commanded a fighter squadron, operations group, two fighter wings, a numbered Air Force, and deployed as Commander of an Air Expeditionary Group at Kirkuk Regional Air Base in Iraq.

Lt Gen Scobee has also earned major decorations and awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Army Achievement Medal. As a career fighter pilot, Lt Gen Scobee is a command pilot with more than 3,800 hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon including 248 combat hours.

Through his years of service and leadership, Lt Gen Scobee demonstrated his unwavering loyalty and dedication to our country and commitment to protecting our freedom. On behalf of the House Armed Services Committee and the people of Georgia's Eighth Congressional

District, I would like to thank Lt Gen Scobee for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOVERING AMERICA'S
WILDLIFE ACT, H.R. 2773

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, as a sportsman, I have long been a supporter and cosponsor of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA).

This bipartisan legislation aims to promote and enhance Virginia's and our nation's conservation efforts and ensure the health of fish and wildlife across the U.S. RAWA would provide dedicated funding for the implementation of state fish and wildlife agencies' action plans and complement the American System of Conservation Funding, which is the financial contributions of hunters, anglers, target shooters, and boaters through excise taxes and related user fees, to ensure healthy populations of fish and wildlife for future generations to enjoy.

These conservation efforts could include re-introduction of imperiled species, conserving and restoring important habitat, fighting invasive species and disease, and more. This would significantly reduce the number of species in decline and would ultimately prevent these species from needing protections afforded under the Endangered Species Act. Restoring fish, wildlife, and their habitats is an effective way to restore critical natural infrastructure, create resilient habitats and communities, create jobs, and is an issue of national importance that has no political affiliation.

Unfortunately, I was not able to support H.R. 2773 on the House floor (Roll No. 267) because of changes to the bill text and failed attempts to address spending offsets after the Natural Resources Committee reported the bill on June 9, 2022. The bill that came to the floor contained substantial differences than the original introduced version of H.R. 2773. Additionally, the Majority failed to work with Republicans to address spending offsets and include a sunset provision.

I still support the original intent of RAWA to support State and tribal conservation efforts to restore wildlife. I look forward to Senate action to advance these goals while addressing the concerns of Natural Resources Committee Republicans and bill cosponsors that arouse when this legislation was considered on the House floor.

HONORING KENNETH "BABYFACE"
EDMONDS, SINGER, SONG-
WRITER, AND PRODUCER

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Kenneth Edmonds, better known as Babyface, an Indianapolis native, who will be inducted into the Madam Walker Legacy Center Walk of Fame on June 17, 2022.

Kenneth was born in Indianapolis to Marvin and Barbara Edmonds and raised in our great city. He began songwriting at the young age of 12 years old, and after taking on the name Babyface, he signed his first record deal after joining his first band Manchild. He later joined The Deele which enjoyed a fast breakthrough into the music world for their R&B and funk hits.

Kenneth has created a legacy through his music. His second album, "Tender Lover", which included the hit singles "It's No Crime" and "Whip Appeal", went double platinum and became a critically acclaimed triumph. Babyface continued to share his talents as a co-songwriter with noteworthy artists such as Johnny Gill, Whitney Houston, and Boyz II Men. He was later nominated for a Grammy Award for Album of the Year for his unforgettable work on The Bodyguard Soundtrack.

Kenneth went on to release "For the Cool in You", winning his first Grammy for "When I Can See You Again" for Best Male R&B Vocal. While continuing to win consecutive Grammys for Producer of Year, and working with versatile artists, he released, starred, and created the soundtrack for the 1997 movie, Soul Food.

Throughout his successes, Kenneth has maintained a respectful approach to his work and an endearing sense of humility—typifying our beloved Hoosier values. He has three children for whom he sets a remarkable example. Kenneth is a dedicated philanthropist, supporting organizations making a difference in the fields of health, education, and more. His list of achievements and awards are impressive, and his hometown is overjoyed with his latest recognition from the Madam Walker Legacy Center.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds. Our community is proud of his success and impact in the music industry, Indiana and our country.

RECOVERING AMERICA'S
WILDLIFE ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, legislation that I have cosponsored which would strengthen our response to habitat loss, climate change, and disease impacting the health and well-being of threatened and endangered wildlife throughout our country.

Habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, disease, and severe weather have all taken a severe toll on birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies, and bees. It is important that we take bold steps and invest in collaborative solutions to protect our wildlife.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, approximately one-third of bird species in North America are in urgent need of conservation action and over forty percent of American freshwater fish are currently at risk of extinction. Recent ecological changes, such as the increasing number of wildfires and rising average water temperatures, are pushing many species of animals towards endangerment and

extinction. As the representative for the great city of Milwaukee, located on beautiful Lake Michigan, I know just how important wildlife is to our economy, outdoor recreation, and the well-being of the environment.

This bill would bring much-needed resources to state, local and tribal wildlife professionals tasked with conserving wildlife and their habitat. The legislation would provide funding for the conservation or restoration of wildlife and plant species of the greatest conservation need, to implement the wildlife conservation strategies of states, territories, the District of Columbia and tribal governments, and support wildlife conservation education and recreation projects. Unless we invest in proactive, innovative solutions, we risk losing thousands of species.

I was happy to support this bill. Passing this legislation would be a good step in our continuing efforts to protect our environment and wildlife for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

HONORING PRESIDENT PAUL TRIBLE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Paul Triple for his 26 years of extraordinary service as the president of Christopher Newport University located in Newport News, Virginia.

Prior to his service at Christopher Newport University, President Triple served as a Commonwealth's Attorney for Essex County, Virginia before being elected to represent Virginia's First Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. After serving three terms in this chamber, President Triple was then elected to the United States Senate, where he served one term. After working as a teaching fellow at Harvard University, he returned to the Virginia Peninsula to serve as president of Christopher Newport University.

Over the course of his tenure, President Triple has ensured that Christopher Newport University has remained focused on both the academic achievement and personal development of its students, a focus which is exemplified by the establishment of the President's Leadership Program. Through a combination of academic study and community service, the program prepares students for a life of leadership, service and civic responsibility.

Under Mr. Triple's presidency, enrollment at Christopher Newport grew from 2,920 to over 4,700, with a graduation rate of 74 percent. Full-time faculty also increased from 166 to 282, and the university library's holdings increased to 1.2 million volumes. In 1996, President Triple worked with then-Delegate Alan Diamonstein to secure a \$5 million appropriation for the university's Ferguson Center for the Arts and a 21 percent increase in the university's operating funds. Since then, President Triple has overseen \$1 billion in construction projects, including the recent \$60 million, 83,000-square-foot Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center. The university's endowment,

which stood at \$330,000 when President Triple took office, has grown exponentially under his tenure and now exceeds \$60 million, securing a bright future for the university for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, as the Christopher Newport University community gathers to celebrate a truly remarkable leader, I want to congratulate Paul Triple on 26 years of legendary service to Christopher Newport University, and over 50 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation. I also want to thank Rosemary Triple, his wife and partner for over 40 years, for her countless contributions, and their two children—Mary Katherine and Paul. I thank President Triple for his decades of service and congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING LIVING LANDS & WATERS ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLEANING AMERICA'S RIVERS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Living Land & Waters for cleaning America's rivers for 25 years. Based in East Moline, they are the only industrial strength river clean-up organization in the world.

Living Lands & Waters was founded in 1998 by Chad Pregracke, with the mission of helping to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment of America's major rivers and their watersheds. By expanding awareness of environmental issues and creating a desire and opportunity for citizens to take an active role, they are helping to make a cleaner river environment for all of us. The Living Lands & Waters crew lives up to nine months a year on their barge and hosts river cleanups, watershed conservation initiative workshops, tree plantings and other key conservation efforts. Impressively, they have removed over 10 million pounds of trash from rivers around the country.

It is because of community organizations such as Living Lands & Waters that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Living Lands & Waters on its 25th Anniversary of cleaning up our country's rivers.

IN RECOGNITION OF MELISSA SANDOVAL AND MARVIN MACAULEY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNÁNDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Melissa Sandoval and Marvin MacAuley.

Currently, wildfires are devastating my district. These fires have ravaged sacred, cultural, and familiar spaces while destroying everything in their paths. Tens of thousands of people are displaced and uncertainty sur-

rounds us. But, in this time of devastation, there are people who continue to give so much of themselves to meet the needs of their communities.

Some of these exemplary people include Superintendent Melissa Sandoval of Peñasco Independent Schools and Superintendent Marvin MacAuley of Mora Independent Schools.

Many communities in rural New Mexico are unincorporated or census-designated places without mayors, a town council, emergency managers, or special project coordinators. Despite this, communities like Peñasco and Mora are fortunate to have extraordinary superintendents.

When evacuation orders were looming and the need to prepare was imminent, Superintendents Sandoval and MacAuley got together and coordinated a response to provide shelter, warm meals, and a safe space for hundreds of displaced community members. They stepped up for their communities when it was least convenient.

I had the privilege of meeting with Superintendents Sandoval and MacAuley at the Peñasco Middle School evacuation site. As I walked through the gym and spoke to evacuees, their gratitude for the space created by Sandoval, MacAuley, and their teams, was evident. While these individuals and families were losing their homes, Sandoval and MacAuley ensured that they had fewer things to worry about.

People like Melissa and Marvin exemplify the strength of our communities. Their efforts remind us of the importance of showing up and stepping up for our neighbors whether through small everyday actions or large collaborative efforts.

Superintendents Sandoval and MacAuley represent the best of us.

I commend these two remarkable individuals for their leadership. I am thankful to them for all they have done and continue to do for their students and communities throughout northern New Mexico.

RECOGNIZING MRS. STACY COGGIN

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a dedicated professional with the Department of Veterans Affairs on the occasion of her retirement. Mrs. Stacy Coggin is an exemplary public servant who has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism on a daily basis. She has served with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office for Congressional and Legislative Affairs the last five years of her more than 22 years in federal service. Her career in faithful public service is a testament to the importance of selfless service.

For the last 5 years, Mrs. Coggin served as Congressional Relations Officer in the office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. She has been involved in a remarkable breadth of important VA programs across the Department including compensation and benefits claims, appeals, and field operations. In this capacity, she spearheaded support for more than nine hundred Congressional oversight actions, from

requests for information to Committee on Veterans' Affairs hearings, helping this body ensure our Nation's veterans and their families receive the care and benefits they deserve.

As Mrs. Coggin embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions she has made to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the veterans of the United States. May her life be filled with health and happiness.

FEDERAL RESERVE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, while I cannot rise in support of H.R. 2543, I would like to highlight one piece of this package that will make a difference in this district. Mr. Speaker, rural and low-income communities have many things in common including lack of access to financial services. In a rural area such as my district, constituents often drive 20–40 miles, even crossing county lines to receive access to their own funds. This is the case in more than one of the counties in my district. I want to applaud the efforts of the credit unions which are highlighted in this bill and support their efforts to bring more financial services to rural and unserved communities.

VISTA FIELD

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exciting addition to Central Washington that has been years in the making.

Vista Field, formally a municipal airport, is well on its way to becoming a vibrant and pedestrian-focused town center with neighborhoods and urban lifestyle amenities. The 103 acres of land will introduce 1,000 single-family homes, retail shops, restaurants, and entertainment to the growing community of Kennewick. The Port of Kennewick is celebrating this new addition to the community by hosting a grand opening celebration, today, where community members can be the first to see the new public amenities, such as a commercial plaza, pedestrian bridges, fountains, and ponds.

Once completed, this new urban development is expected to bring in \$51 million in infrastructure investments in addition to over 3,000 jobs for our local community, contributing to a thriving local economy.

Vista Field is a perfect example of the innovative projects that are possible when local leadership and community collaboration are at the forefront, and I am excited to see this project take form and bring new opportunities for everyone in our community to enjoy.

HONORING JAN ZIMMERMAN ON
HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF
POLICE IN RAYMORE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Chief Jan Zimmerman of the Raymore Police Department. After more than four decades of selfless service working in public safety, Chief Zimmerman has announced her intent to retire. She has established an inspiring career and legacy that is a true testament to the value Missouri's public servants bring to their communities.

Beginning a career in public safety in 1979, Jan served the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) as a dispatcher; shortly thereafter, she attended the Kansas City Police Academy and was sworn in as a KCPD police officer in 1982. Throughout her career in law enforcement, Jan served the KCPD with distinction by rising through the ranks of sergeant (1987), captain (1994), and ultimately concluded her tenure as major (2000). Jan holds a BA in Criminal Justice, an MA in Public Administration, and is an alumnus of the FBI National Academy in Quantico.

Joining the Raymore Police Department as Chief of Police in 2012, Jan Zimmerman has led the department through tumultuous times providing unrelenting leadership. Chief Zimmerman places high expectations on her officers, committing herself to provide quality training and setting an example for the next generation of public safety professionals.

Jan also championed mental health by partnering with healthcare professionals to develop the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and implement the program at the KCPD and the Raymore Police Department. Later, she served as a Jackson County Mental Health Court Commissioner and considers this experience one of her proudest accomplishments. Zimmerman is the first female in the history of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association to receive the Donald "Red" Loehr Outstanding Police Chief award for her achievements in ensuring public safety.

Law enforcement officers face many difficult, sometimes fatal, challenges. To support fallen officers' families, Jan serves as a program director for the Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment Fund with the Kansas City Crime Commission.

For over a decade, Chief Zimmerman has put the safety and wellbeing of Raymore residents above her own. With the support of family; her husband, Major David Zimmerman of the Kansas City Police Department; her daughters, Jackie and Britt; and her granddaughters, Elise and Michele, Jan has withstood the hardships that are all too common in law enforcement.

Today, thanks to the leadership of Chief Jan Zimmerman, Raymore residents enjoy safer neighborhoods, exceptional emergency services, and a police department that serves with integrity. On behalf of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, I thank Chief Zimmerman for answering the call to serve and protect our community. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE
LEFT'S WAR ON AGRICULTURE

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a serious issue facing all of rural America: the Biden Administration and the radical Left's War on Agriculture.

Today, the House will vote on H.R. 7606, which will exacerbate fractured supply chains, skyrocketing input costs, and historic levels of inflation, all of which are hammering American consumers.

This bill is the latest attempt to scapegoat private industry rather than address the real needs and concerns of farmers, ranchers, and rural Americans.

We know the Biden Administration and my colleagues across the aisle see Americans in the oil and gas industry as the enemy, and I truly believe they now see farmers and ranchers as the enemy too.

I want my constituents back home in Texas to know this is something I'm fighting every day.

I represent the number 1 Ag district in Texas, and the farmers and ranchers in my district are experiencing out of control input costs for fertilizer, fuel, and basic parts for equipment. I can assure you the legislation we're voting on today will make matters worse.

A spending and regulatory agenda that compounds the situation and further limits the American Ag industry's ability to meet global food demands is not the answer.

Instead, I urge the Speaker to abandon this bill and bring H.R. 8069, the Reducing Farm Input Costs and Barriers to Domestic Production Act, to the House Floor.

H.R. 8069 will actually support our farmers and ranchers by ensuring they have regulatory certainty so that they may grow abundant and affordable food and fiber.

Rather than generate additional layers of bureaucracy and regulatory compliance with H.R. 7606, Congress should take up H.R. 8069 immediately.

I thank Ranking Member G.T. THOMPSON for his leadership on the right approach, H.R. 8069, and I urge my colleagues to vote NO on H.R. 7606.

RECOGNIZING JOHN F. GIBBS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John F. Gibbs for his 18 years of service to Comcast, over 40 years in the cable industry, and decades of dedication to his community and the state of Minnesota. Mr. Gibbs announced his retirement from Comcast, and although he will be greatly missed, his hard work and contributions have made a positive impact on the industry and community, ensuring he will not be forgotten.

Mr. Gibbs joined Comcast in March 2003 with more than 20 years of legal and telecommunications experience. During his ten-

ure, he built and led an industry-leading state government affairs team that has achieved a strong record of successes across the country. Prior to 2003, he was a partner at the Minneapolis law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP, and practiced in the areas of communications and regulatory law. While at the firm, he provided counsel to the franchise transfer activities associated with Comcast's acquisition of AT&T Broadband and other major industry transactions, including the mergers of AT&T and MediaOne, AT&T and TCI, and AOL and Time Warner. Before joining the Robins firm, Mr. Gibbs served as Vice President of Corporate & Legal Affairs for Continental Cablevision in Los Angeles from 1986 to 1995.

Long involved in community affairs, Mr. Gibbs was elected to the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners in November 2010. This park system is in the west suburban Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area and manages almost 27,000 acres of park reserves, regional parks, regional trails, and special-use facilities. Prior to this, Mr. Gibbs served for 10 years on the Hennepin County Library Board where he served as president for three of those years. He is the former chair of the Hennepin County Policy Advisory Committee, a former member of the Bloomington, Minnesota Charter Commission, former member and chair of the Bloomington Cable Commission, and has served on a variety of non-profit boards.

Currently, in addition to representing District 5 on the Three Rivers Park Board, Mr. Gibbs serves on the boards of Artistry Theater and Visual Arts in Bloomington and the Minnesota River Valley Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

I congratulate Mr. Gibbs on his successful 18-year career with Comcast and over 40 years of leadership in an industry that has invested heavily in America and through broadband improved the lives of the citizens of this country. I commend Mr. Gibbs on his decades of service to the State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, and the City of Bloomington. I know the whole House joins me in wishing him the best in retirement and as he continues to serve his community as a valued and experienced leader.

**RECOVERING AMERICA'S
WILDLIFE ACT OF 2021**

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns with respect to H.R. 2773, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. The bill has laudable goals and the potential positive impact on our nation's wildlife conservation efforts is undeniable. I am a long-standing proponent of environmental causes and the benefits of investing in them.

However, the ends do not justify the means. Specifically, the bill provides an average of \$1.4 billion per year in mandatory appropriations from the General Fund indefinitely. As a result, this bill provides the additional funding on autopilot without any role for this or future Congresses to scrutinize the details and value

of this massive investment. Additionally, the House Parliamentarian's Office has also confirmed to my staff that this bill presents significant jurisdictional issues with respect to the House's rule against appropriating in an authorizing bill.

I believe there is a better way forward that is consistent with the longstanding regular order of this body. Subjecting this funding to the appropriations process would ensure that we make these valuable investments in our nation's wildlife while at the same time preserving the important role Congress must play in overseeing our Article I responsibilities.

It pains me that we were not able to resolve these differences because as a longtime appropriator, I fully understand the need for robust, long-term investments to protect our environment and natural habitats. However, as chair of the House Committee on Appropriations I must vote against this legislation. The Founders were crystal clear about the importance of the power of the purse. Our duty to the American people is to ensure that we do not abdicate our responsibility to be effective stewards of taxpayer resources.

My hope is that I can work with my colleagues here in the House and in the Senate to come to a stronger, bipartisan agreement on moving this bill forward in a manner that is consistent with the rules of this body and Congress' power of the purse.

CONGRATULATING LTC ERIC
MARSHALL

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Eric Marshall on his retirement from the United States Army. LTC Marshall has had an illustrious career lasting over 20 years serving in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, culminating as the Honolulu District's Commander.

In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. In particular, our U.S. Army recruiting center ranks number one in the nation in enlistment rate.

To that end I would like to recognize all the work LTC Marshall has done to lead throughout his career in situations such as leading dive missions, having a key managing role in the Western Closure, commanding the B/1-48th infantry company, and imparting his knowledge on future leaders in the Army through his instruction and course direction in physics at West Point.

He has an extensive list of military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Bronze DeFleury, and is currently nominated for the Silver DeFleury. He is a graduate of the prestigious U.S. Air Force Academy and received his Master's Degree in nuclear engineering from MIT.

In congratulating this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all over the world.

I thank Eric for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa, and our great Nation. Best wishes to him and his family as he departs Honolulu. I congratulate him on his retirement and the great future ahead. Again, I thank him for his service and his time dedicated to our beautiful island.

God bless you on your journey. (Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala). Soifua.

HONORING MR. GENE WEEKS

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD
OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 16, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Gene Weeks, a distinguished Superintendent from my district who is retiring this year after a career of service.

Mr. Weeks is a dedicated educator of 36 years, who served as a coach, athletic director, principal, and assistant superintendent throughout his time at the Greene County Tech School District. He is retiring as the Superintendent of Greene County Tech after 7 years in the position.

Mr. Weeks devoted his career to his students and played an essential role in teaching and preparing the next generation to be leaders and public servants. His commitment to the health, education, and success of his students was invaluable to our community, and I am certain the First District is better because of service.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARLA E.
PÉREZ-DAVIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep gratitude to Dr. Marla E. Pérez-Davis for her remarkable service as Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) John H. Glenn Research Center, both the main campus at Lewis Field in Brook Park, Ohio and the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, Ohio—and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

Over her nearly forty-year career at NASA, Dr. Pérez-Davis nobly delivered for the American people in a variety of crucial roles, including Deputy Director of the Research and Engineering Directorate, Director of the Aeronautics Research Office, Chief of the Project Liaison and Integration Office, and Chief of the Electrochemistry Branch.

Upon taking the helm as Director of the Glenn Research Center, Dr. Pérez-Davis went to work leading a team of more than 3,200 dedicated professionals in the awe-inspiring mission of advancing humanity's understanding of the cosmic wonders beyond.

Dr. Pérez-Davis' leadership has been instrumental in driving Glenn Research Center's progress as a renowned hub for unrivaled innovation, technological excellence, economic development, and scientific discovery. Her commitment to expanding aerospace capabilities; assuring cybersecurity and quantum computing protections; and partnering with schools, students, and the wider community leave the Glenn Research Center in a strong position for the future ahead.

It has been a sincere honor to work with Dr. Pérez-Davis—an esteemed leader who relentlessly focused on propelling the Glenn Research Center—and the whole of NASA's global enterprise—on its journey toward a new era of breathtaking enlightenment.

I speak for the entire community of Northern Ohio in thanking Dr. Pérez-Davis and wishing her all the best in her next endeavor.